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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Donald E. Wallar II
Serial No.: 09/471,429
For: MESSAGE COMPOSITION FOR COMPUTER, MEDIA AND METHOD
Filed: December 23, 1999
Examiner: YUAN, ALMARI ROMERO
Art Unit: 2176
Confirmation No.: 7384
Customer No.: 27,623

Attorney Docket No.: ST9-99-070

**Mail Stop Amendment
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

We are enclosing a Preliminary Amendment in response to the RCE dated March 21, 2005 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$_____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	27	Minus	22	5	x \$50.00	\$250.00
Independent Claims	13	Minus	8	5	x \$200.00	\$1000.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					x \$0.00	\$
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES						\$1250.00
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY						\$N/A

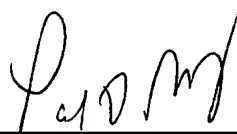
The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 1250.00

 A check in the amount of \$ is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$1250.00 and any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 50-0510** in the name of International Business Machines. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

May 11, 2005

Date



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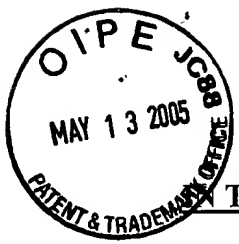
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the RCE filed March 21, 2005, please amend the above-noted patent application as follows:

Amendments to Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

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